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#### RATING SYSTEM

Just in case you're new to alt this, we snaura that you fully understand how all this rafinge understand works, and just what those dumb-asscrack reviswers are trying to eay half the fime.

#### NEWS

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#### NEWS FROM 1' AMERICA

These are axciting times in the USA. Wa raveal a loed of hot snippets of consola news from the Consumer Electronics Show in Chicago.

#### NEWS FROM 14 JAPAN

Some top shoot 'am upe on the way trom The Land of the Rising Sun, including Raiden, and naws of Super Femicom Zelda it! and Megadriva Marvel Land.

#### MEAN YOB

The latter-enewerer who is harder than... something very hard gets tough with any readers who dare write to him! Does the fur fly this month? Does Gary Harrod have a good haircut?

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The Main Man, Juttan Rignall, answers loads of burning consots questions eent in by his curtous public. This month - the usual load of Megadriva questions, and avan a PC Engina query. Now there's a novelly.

#### TIPS

Paga after page of sneaky cheate and hot tips to help make all those games of yours that little bit easier. This month's appecial is e full expose on Sim City on the Super Femicom and Nintando Solar Jatmani

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## **NINTENDO**

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#### TIPS HELPLINE

Replecement editor Paul Glencey takes the "Hot Seet" tor this month's round of Interesting poeers. Want to know about the two player mode on Famicom Final Fight? This is where we print the truth!

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## GOSSIP

Mr YOB's second appearance of the month, during which he reveels a few things about Barble and how much you may have to pay for your imported copy of Sonic the Hedgehog! **NEXT MONTH 106** 

#### When's the next Ish out? How much is it going to be? Turn to this page and tind out, sireadyl

# **PREVIEWS**

#### SHADOW OF THE BEAST

MEAN MACHINES gets en exclusive took at Tecmanik's Mester System conversion of the technically stunning Amiga geme. Is it destined to be a

#### classic? PRINCE OF 100 PERSIA

and it's looking good!

One of the best computer plettorm games of recent months makes it to the Master System courtesy of Domark.

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## PET TALENT BONANZA

Pepsi and Suki are the two pels owned by console-crazy Paul Rogers of Usworth, Tyne and Wear - bul not much talent on display there unfortunately Don't they do anything but tlop around?

However here's a gifted moggie, and no mistake! All that Domino the cat needs to do a wicked impersonation of Lawrence of Arabia is a towel-Cheers to Mark Sanders from Manchester for sending

in that picture of his pussy Winning the Cute Pic of the Month Award is James Whitlock of Shirly Southampton, who sent in the

superb picture of his dog in killen, Honey and Len But real talent was found in the form of Ben Dick's ventable pet zoo in Loxwood, W Sussex! Max the doo. Janet the rat and Jason the cat have formed a rap











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# Hardworking Oz is spending his holiday in the office. So that a that. CURRENT FAVE GAMES: STRIDER, MIDNIGHT



Here at MEAN MACHINES we are committed to giving you the moet in-depth coneoie reviews. Here'e how they work.

GAME DIFFICULTY: This tells you how easy or tough the game is. If you're a novice player, easy games should keep you happy. If you're a veteran joyalick-jockey, medium or hard games are recommended.

LIVES: Tells you how many times can you die and still return from the greva.

CONTINUES: Telle you how often you can restart from where you died. Bewere: too many continues can allow you to finish the game too quickly, and seriously damage your enjoyment.

SKILL LEVELS Many games let you fix the difficulty level for yourselt, so you can increase the challengs it you get good at it. This tells you how many skill levels there are

RESPONSIVENESS Is II humanly possible to evold that mutani's death-beem, or does the joyetick refuse to obey your transic commands? This section lets you know!

PRESENTATION This is an important part of any game. Are the instructions clear (and in English)? Do the option acreens make sense and look pretty? Is the ecreen well teld out? Is there plenty at in-game info? This rating tells you all.

GRAPNICS: This includes not only the quality of the sprites and their animation, but the beckgrounds as well Graphics are judged not only on their prettiness, but on how well they are suited to the game. SOUNO: The difference between a booming, catchy intro

lune and a few week bleeps that sound like a dying Spectrum is indicated here. Music and effects can make a big difference to a game, so don't ignore this factor. PLAYABILITY. Some games you just cen't slop playing, no matter how late al night it is. This measures the

addictiveness of the game, and how much you'll think about it - even when you're not playing it LASTABILITY: You don't want to spend your cesh on

something that will only last a week. Check this box oul to judge it you are going to be playing it in a month, or he bored with it within a week OVERALL: This is it. This merk takes into account all the

shove ratings and acts as a guide to the game's overell quality. If a game scores over 90%, It's a Megagams and is well worth buying!

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A MEAN MACNINES MEGAGAME! A completely superb game which shouldn't be missed. 80-90

A very, very good game which just misses out on the Megagama award due to minor deliciencies. Definitely 66-79 A pretty good game which should still appeal to fans of

the genre 45-64

An everage game - might disappoint some fans. 30-44

Below average. Very law players will get much enterteinment

11-29 A very poor came indeed which will only be played a tew times before being shelved.

14-An ulterly ghastly travesty which should be evolded at all costs

MEGAGAME When you see this on a review, it meens that the game has gained the highest eward MEAN MACNINES can bestow. And if the game is tor your mechine, you better start saving for it now!



















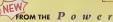












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#### NINTENDO'S ACE LINE-UP!

Nintendo have come up with a huge list of potenbelly blook-busting games set for release at the end of the year. The bigge must be Super Mario Brios 3, the listest in the completely cosmic Meno series. Festuring loads of levels and secret werps, Mario 3 has out-sed supply his Wario 3 has out-sed supply his US, end will doubtlessly do the seme when it's released over hare

Other biggies Include The

in early November.

Simpsons, which we extensively previewed in issue seven. This will definitely be released at the end the year, along with the long-ewaited WWF Wrastlemanie! Nintendo elso hope to release Powerblade, e beet 'em up in the Betmen style that has sold untold copies in the US. It features simultaneous two-pleyer thrills elong with over tan different weapons with which to blet the baddies. Rollergemes is enother beat 'em up, this time with the action taking place on roller sketes! Other biggies lined-up for release next year include Top Gun 2. Detender at the Crown, Mission Impossible (based on the TV series) end Ski or Die.

But that's not all, because Nintends also have a load of Gameboy stuff ready for release over the month's leading up to Christmes, with goodle in the torm of Super RO Pro Am (which is apparently better then the NES game and programmed by Reraly. The Rescue of Princess Blobette (a Boy and His Blob Gameboy adventure), Semuria Adventure, and the pretty impressive conversion of Irem's R-Type coins on Intendig Royal American Control of Royal Christmes (and the pretty impressive conversion of Irem's R-Type coins on Intendig Royal Roya





#### SEGA AT THE SHOPPER SHOW

Segs have decided to turn out in torce at the December Computer Shopper Show, to be held at the Wembley Exhibition Halle from 5 to 8 of December. As well as being en opportunity to show new products, the Shopper shop usually turns out to be a major price-cutting extravegenze, with companies of all descriptions selling off their wares at maga-cheap prices. There are always some melt order console companies making an appearance at this event, so if you tency getting hold of some new carts on the cheep, this is the place to be?





BLACKPOOL'S CRYSTAL MAZE It you lency heving a bash at the

biggest computer game in the country, Blackpool's the place to bet They've erected a messive varsion of Channel 4's Crystal Meze at the Sendeastie leisure centre on Blackpool's lamous Golden Mile. According to Cyberdome - the

accounting by operations - time games originaries, you can climb ledders, crawl through secre! Uninels, ewing cerosas a make pit and even the Vampire Baccount has been include, where players have to recognise objects only by touch (pounds a bit suspect to us). There's also lots of computer-related puzzles to overcome, as well as an Actu-Temple scenario, dungeons below modewal towers, and there's even a Future Spece stige!

So, if you're going on holidey to sunny Bleckpool this summer, why not check if out?



That man Jazza spent two fun-filled weeks in Chicago, during which time he visited the mega-enormous Computer Entertainment Show - one of the biggest computer and console shows in the whole world. Here's some of the hot news he managed to dig up and send back to the office during his thrill-packed excursion to the States.

#### 16-BIT WRESTLEMANIA

Acclaim each have a tree in store to. Super NES-owing WWF fears in the Carn of their new Wrestmannia carf. Featuring superb, realstic sprites based on the real-life wrestlers, WWF looks certain to po down e treat in the US. Acclaim are promising to miduled one-one matches, larg fearing garage and even the describing four-main rumble! There's even some fore-method dreme! thrown in for good measure!



#### TAITO TITILLATIONS

Time are over-compliant printy that has Migdente products for the US marker as the impares either products for the US marker as the impares either more than likely end up on our hallowed stores before too long. The Rivageman's Thurderfox, a beat emujor with about "am up overdones their pits the player (and has chum in two-player mode) egisters I rampart terrorists. The second release is Growl, a convirsion of a connect currently "doing the rounds" in an arcade near you. Growl is a shoot end up with sevent levels and oless of special moves and wascons with which to do one a burnel of all wildlife positions. No



# FROM USA DATA EAST

#### DATA EAST SUPER NES MALARKEY Caveman Ninja, e scrolling culesy

best 'em up in an arcade marr you, it to recaver the Super NES (that ethe Amancan Super Fernicom) treatment thanks to the game's creators. Deta East. The game's a simulteneous two-player efficient who the ring cavemen out to rescue a cave-bebs that's been viciously kidnapped. Deta East reckon they've duplicated the graphics, sound and gemepley, so it should be quite impressive.

### CAPCOM GO MEGA

Captom used the Chicago CE S to continue plugging the latest in their lomp-line of mege-qualify National Maga Man games. Maga Mars James. Maga Mars James been doing the counds for a few microths in the US now, and boasts 21 levens of action, with eight more maje baddees to do away? Rush, Mega Maria gooch also makes an appearance to their out his mega marsier? But final's read all, because Gaspoon also unveited Maga Maria si the eight mars and proposed to the country of the country



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It's a game of mass destruction involving massiva robots, armed to the teeth with the likes of Vulcen cannons, hyper bombs, beam guns, and hyper shields. The graphics look mighty imprassive for a Gamaboy title, and with five horizontal and vertically scrolling lavels, Battla Unit Zeoth looks very promising. The importers should have the game on

these shores any day now, and we'll be reviewing it as soon as possible



SEGA SENSATIONS Sega have a whole goodia-bag of new games lined-up for release stateside Golden Axe 2 tooks very impressive with 'next generation characters with new and different moves\*, though the general scrolling stash em up gamepley looks much the same Alien Storm is a close conversion of the horrific Sega RPG, which looks guite coin-op, whilst Fantasia looks like being enother mega platform game using the Disney film for inspiration. Quackshot datails Doneld Duck's worldwide platform adventures, collecting transure with the aid of his mischievous naphewe MERCS looks like a very close conversion of the massive Capcom coin-op (one of Gaz's ell-time faves), whilst Spidar-Man's a cool

The US arm of Virgin Games have a veritebla lorry-load of decent gamas coming out on consolas of all descriptions. They've eigned up the Kevin Costner movie, Robin Hood. Prince of Thleves, and thay've turned it into a Nintendo impressive They've also signed up the immortal Marvet cherecter, tha Silver Surfer, in an ovarhaad scrolling Nintando gama But perhaps most axclting of all is the Gamaboy convarsion of Prince of Persia - the graphically amazing





FROM

USA



# MARVELLOUS MARVEL

Namco's obscure outesy coin-op is scheduled for a Megedrive appearance sometime during the next couple of months

Marvel Land in a bright, colourful plintform comp set inside a measure fur fair froe Mever Land of the titils, The levels are all based eround the different notes in Marvel Land, so expect to see the likes of by wheels, roller coasters, and of course, the big top, But don't expect a thur-filled excursion to Amusement City, because King Mohe has kofrapped Princes Wondor, so be sure to use your powerful jumps and the "spirit why! facilit to good effect!"

whip lactic to good effect.

As you can see from the screenshots, Marvel Land looks graphically emazing and all of the different ndes give each level a unique style. As soon as the importers get copies into the UK, we'll get our reviewing trousers on to give you the definitive

low-down.







# FROM JAPAN

#### ZELDA 3 ON FAMICOM

The Legend of Zeida series have sold who knows how meny millions across the globe on the 8-bit NES. and Nintendo are currently programming the letest in the seriee - wat for the Super Famicom. The appropriately named Legend of Zelde 3 is scheduted for en August release in Japan, so expect the same brand of puzzling and ercade action, but this time with super-amazing graphics and sound! Hopefully, the quest itself will be larger end possess more depth then its 8-bit counterparts. The only problem we can foresee is that a lot of the text will probably be in Japanese, but needless to say, when we know more, you will too!



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crifrontation with Maletoth mself Memory permitting. ecmagik also hope to include great Psygnosis-style intros and end-of-game sequences

## TWEAKS 'N' IMPROVEMENTS

game were graphically emazing, they suffered from rather shallow running about hitting and avoiding



▲ This tree stump leade to an underground cavern!



M C. The Seast loiters around the castle





SEGA



#### LEVELS AND LADDERS

There are plenty of different levels packed into this cart. The game map itself is pretty close to the Amiga original and you'll find foreboding forest regions, underground chambers and a massive castle to explore So, depending on how these massive levels are filled, there should be plenty to keep you occupied.





Spooky ayabalis pose no danger to the hardened Baset.

#### THE MAIN ATTRACTION

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MAILBAG, MEAN MACHINES, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU much appreciated! So write now... or else!

#### IS THIS Q+A OR WHAT?

Dear Mean YOB

I have the Nintendo NES version with three parnes (Mario Brothers The Legend of Zaida and Duck Hunt). I am the worlds biggest Pacifien fan, and I was wondering if you can gal PacMan, and I was wondered in you can gat Gameia games and Sonic the Hedgehog for the Nintendo. Yours wonderingly Stuart Munro, Ringwood, Hants YOB: Well, since I'm feeting

generous this minute (t've just eaten a big choccy bar) f'll tall you that PacMen IS evelleble for the Nintendo. The bad news le that you can only get it in America at the moment. PecMan Is also available on the Gameboy from import specialists - I'd suggest you go for that.

Pictures, jokes, photos, blank chequea and anything else also

# sort is it?

do you have to do? 5. How much does it cost

questions.
O Greensmith, Market Harborough
YOB: Nintendo were going to release the game of the Bisater



## WELL BLASTED SPOTTED, SIR

Daar YOR Blaster Master by Worlds of Jeson Frudnick who lete his pet frog out of his gless case and follows him to a swamp where he falls down a hole into another world celled Signar at. I hare he meats someone called Yvrkicji. Eve's help Jeson deleate 8 mutant underbose's before destroying the Pfutorium Boss and saving Plutarch (Alex's pat lobster) and Fred (Jason's pat frog). Please could you enswer those questions

Meater book lest year, and it was sent to us for review. It was covered in the Complete Guide to Consoles Book II and scored e handsome 93%. However shortly afterwards, due to some mysterious circumstances that shell lorever remain unsolved, it was pulled from the release schedule and hea never again baen saan. A shame, reelly beceuse it's a superb geme combining pletform, arceds adventuring and blasting action.

#### WEAKLY WEEKLY

Dear YOB.

I am a filtera year old Commoby, owner that has secondly purchased under the country purchased a naw weekly games may that wid arman rannelless for obsessa massome. It claims is do contain frams no computer and connected will consider my left system. It was seen more controls instead year and chimpanzes a meturu on a Sunday attemnous. So though pust filter the properties of the propertie

Yours auck-upingly, lan Relph, Linithgow, West Lothar YOB: Don't worry about it. In aura the offending weekly item won't be around to trouble you

Somona avan ugiler than Rambol From Matthew Aylon of

much longer.

#### IT'S ALL IN THE GAMEPLAY

Dear YOB,

I recently joined the console world by buying a Nintendo Mano Brog pack. I had \$200 to apand as I immediately asnt it off to PC Engine Supplies to get it modified for US games, then bought Mario 2 and 3. I was over whalmed. For the price t could have bought an official Megadrive plus a game but

I didn't care. What I'm trying to say is that you don't need high tech state of the art graphica and to produce a brilliant genre (ie Magedrive, Nao Gao, Supar Famioom etc.) I admit that the NES graphics are preity feeble compared to the magadrives but its the pleyability.

intending to buy a consols or computer to think about what I've said. Gian Paul, Wast Lothian. Scotland

completely and utterly true. I've

YOB: What you say is

Stoka!

7.348 times - It dossn't metter

how good the graphics and sound are, it's siways the playability that's most important!







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# MORE FOP FROLICS

Dear YOB.
I was astonished in a letter in is 8 of MEAN MACHINES and someons or thing from Wakefie

A reinbow of telent from Nick

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Vic "Born Free" Reeves
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## 2-BIT BRAIN

Yo Meen YU

I have purchase a sega more and it I buy an adeptor for Sega Master System will it be 16-bit graphics or 8-bit, Pleesa answer this question and don't think I'm a twerp

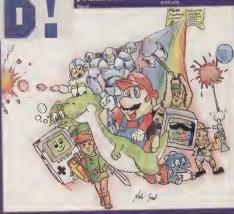
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YOB: I do think you re a twerp. I'm sorry, but it s the question you asked. The graphics are a-bit, identical in each and every way to a normal Master System, even down to the gratty tilcker on some games!

#### SMART SUIT SALESMAN

Dear YO

I am on Intergalactic Weapons and Special erms salesmen, and wes recently flicking through my MEAN MACHINES mags (which I collect), and couldn't help approint and



YOB: I think it's time to let this

#### VIVE LA RETARDO

You stated that the Stupid

Obviously you nave the interest of a squashed hedgehog who is sitting on a commode reading the highway code upside down. The only reason why you said this statement is because you can only play games and you don't appreciate the qualities the Amiga.

The games ere cheaper!
 Much better graphics!

money.
7 The Familian is a waste of

YOB: I like the Amige, and I can epprecials its qualities - it s a drive e feet cer. I'd buy an expensive Ferreri, not a cheap

Skinny ahrimpa are invited to suck shorts by Robert Wegner

it. But technically it's Inferior to the Super Famicom - and that's somathing you'll have to face up to. Amiga games might be cheaper, but that doesn't make pay for. After all, if i went to

Skode. Amige graphics aren' better at all + you obviously need glasses. The Super Famicom has 28,000 colours. display them in much higher recolution! There indeed are more games out on the Amiga.



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Jaz has put on his clever clogs, special Q+A underpants and freshly pressed special Intelligence trousers and is ready to answer more of your questions. If you've got any questions that you want to ask - anything will do - write to Julian "Jaz" Rignall and if they're printed, he will supply the answer. The address to send your queations to is: JAZZA THE GREAT ANSWERING MACHINE OF THE WESTERN WORLD, MEAN MACHINES, PRIORY **COURT, 30-32** FARRINGDON LANE. LONDON, EC1R 3AU.

#### **FATHERLY** ADVICE

Dear Jazza. Here is a short note from a totally confused Dad. I've been asked 100 limes to buy e Megadrive well with an IBM 386 Amiga 500, Atan Lynx and Gameboy (f) already in our house you can undersland that This new marval needs some understanding before Het myself in to this new venture

1 When deelers claim that thair Jacanese model cen handis all

formats (English, US and Jep) what is then the point of buying a more expensive UK model? 2 The UK model has an A/V 8-pm connector alongside the RF

olug (PAL) Can this AV plug be used for RGB or Composite video? 3 The Jao model SCART/PAL can be used with Philips 8833 I

read in the last MEAN MACHINES Cenit elso be connected to NEC/Multimync 3D?

You can be assured that it you shine light on the above my son Taco gats himself e promised deal for anther model as tong as it does not cosl me en extra TV or that he is forced to use my Sony TV Dad. Aberdeen JAZ: 1: What Indeed??? 2+3: Most specialist computer chope

sall, or will make up leads that let you connect your Magadrive to virtually any eystem available - ring around and aak.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Dear Jaz. Al the moment I am trying to gel a PC Engine but I em Irying lo work out the difference between a PC Engine and a Core Grefx PC Engine Could you please tell me! Duncan George, Twyford, Anrikshire

JAZ: There e absolutaly no diffarance batwaan them, apart from one is white and the other Is dark gray. Buy whichever ona la lha cheapaat.

#### WHERE'S THAT GUY?

Could you please tell me why Guy is not in the Final Fight game on the Super Femicom. Philip Walker, Chellenham, Gloucestershire JAZ: Memory restrictions, I'm

afraid. According to tha programmere, so much mamory was raquired for the aprite animation, that only Iwo of the original threa characters could ba included.

## THE JOKE'S ON HIM

Deer Jaz. was recently looking back



#### DON'T WASTE YER DOSH

I em planning to spend all my herd-earned cash on a portable PC Engine I was just about to send off for one when one of my through some old issues of CVG Whal ever happened to the A-Migadrive which featured in the news section of Issue 101 which converted Amiga games on to special carts and ellowed you to play Amiga games on the Megadrive? Are Dev Tec who made them still around, end how can I contact them? Can I still get hold of an Amiga drive and special carts, where from and how much do they cost?

James Gotch, Swannage, Dorset JAZ: You're a sad fellow! Il just goas to show what happens whan you don't keep up with the naws! It was an April fool which was explained in the May adillon of C+VG a full 12 months ago!

## COMPATIBILITY QUERIES

Vo laz I have gol a huge problem about

MORE

friends told me that the graphics on the machine ware slightly blurred due to a loi of detail on the games being squeshed into a small screen, is my friend lelling. the truth or is he just fibbing? If he ie right then how blurred is it and does it offect the gameplay much? Oh yes, and how long is the machine's bettery life? Ed Jonus, Nettleton, Cheshire JAZ: II dapends on how much you ware going to pay for it, but my advice would be to buy a Gemaboy and put the rest towards a Super Famtcom or Megedriva - the portable PC Engine really lan't that good a muching, and eate batteries like there's no tomorrow (six usually last around three hours).



my holiday. I m going to America. and have been senously worrying whether American games work on my UK Megadrive Seeing as They're a huge third of the price less. I need to know if I need a special converter to play American games

Tom Southwell, Luton,

Bedfordshire JAZ: Nope - eo stop worrying. otherwise you'll give youreelt en

#### THUNDERING KIWIS

Dear Jaz I have gol two questions for you to

answer In Complete Guide to Consoles Book III it says that Thunderbirds and New Zealand Slory are going to be released on the Nintando. Will they be released in Britain? S Davidson, Colne, Lanceshire JAZ: Prepare to book a seet for Who Knows City - there are no UK release dates as yet!

#### **GET IT** CONNECTED

Deer Jaz. Please could you tell me if I can

connect an Amstred CTM 644 colour monitor to a Magadrive And if so, what would I need to connect it?

Rory Crichton, Cheam, Surrey JAZ: To connect your Megadrive to en Amatrad monitor, you need a pretty wardo lesd which will have to be custom made. Ask eround at epecielist computer shops and you should find someone who cen help you.

#### **RUDER AND** RUDER

Dear Jaz

you write

Can you supply any back issues of MEAN MACHINES at all as I've only got nos 1 end 7 and any of the others would be really appreciated, if so can

ring or left me in next month s MEAN MACHINES what ones you can supply and how much money it should send.

I would be iruly grateful because of the moment I can only reed my brother's back issues Jonathan Dyer, Coxheath Kent JAZ: Sorry, but beck issue etocke of MEAN MACHINES heve completely sold out. The only thing you can do is edvertise in the wanted column in the classified eds. Not much help, I'm efreid, but it's better then alepping your epam in a blender.

#### NO CONTEST Dear Jaz.

I em very close to buying a new console but heven't quite decided which one yet.

I was originally set to buy a Sega Megadrive but a lol of the games are far too easy considering the price. Which would you edvise between a GX4000 end e Sega Master System? Are

MEAN MACHINES still going to do GX4000 reviews? Niki Meckintosh, Milton, Ross Shire

JAZ: The Sege Master System is by tar the better of the two - it's got a roay future, and there are meny new gemes coming out for it. After very poor seles at Christmes, the GX4000 has died s swift deeth - there s no more softwere support for it, end the mechine itself is being sold oft tor £29.99 in some shoos! That's why we stopped covering the mechine.

#### HAND-HELD **FROLICS**

Dear Jaz

I have saved up £300 to buy a handheld console and some games and I was wondering what you think would be the best one to buy a Gameboy with about seven games or a Lynx II with some games or even a PC Engine GT with very few games. By the way when the Game Geer is officially released will it be compatible with imported games - either American or Japanese - and will en imported machine be competible with all upcoming English releases?

think that your mag is amezing easily the best one on the market Jody Goodell Prestwich.

Manchester JAZ: Out of the turee you

mention, the Gameboy gels my vote. Although it's got e black and white screen, its gemes ere superb, the mechine is truly porteble end the betteries lest for weeks, rether then hours.

#### FIREWORKS EXPLAINED

I've been trying to figure out why there are fireworks at the end of some of the levels on Super Mario Bros

The booklet does say that there is a reason for this but I can I find it Could you find out why this happens?

Dom. samewhere

JAZ: It you greb the flegpole when the right hand number on the timer reads six, you get six fireworke end 3000 bonus points. If it reeds three, you get thres fireworks end 1500 bonus points, and it it reeds one you get ons tirework and 500 bonus points. So now you know.



NICE IN NICE

Dear Mr Jaz

I don't suppose you'va been to France in the Nice region recently have you? I thought I saw you on Newsround on the telly which I was wetching (for some reason I wasn't Ihrashing my Megadrive with my game Atterburner good review from your excellent MEAN MACHINES

This was all of a videogames competition Did you actually enter or are you to good to enter and were just speciating and snarling at the lessar mortals like ne. Oh yeah is there any competitions I can try to win because I'm fairly fancy with the Anthony Marvell Hilchin,

Hertfordshire JAZ: Yas, It was me! Well spotted!! I was there to go to the Game Geer launch which was held at the same lime.

Unfortunately twasn tellowed to enter the videogame

machine permanently. However Atari UK seem to think that the ne back from the CES Show tournement because Sega thought I'd frighten off the competitors, Becocoo! Stiti, i challanged the eventual winner, Danny Curly to a couple of boute of Streetfighter II at an ercade near the hotel and completely threshed him!

#### **CONSOLE US AMIGA** OWNERS

Dear Jaz.

My mate and I have been reading this mag since Issue 3 and we both think this mag is the best console mag on the street. We both are Amiga owners and we both getting a bil sick sitting et home playing the Amiga, so we are planning to get e portable console, such as Gameboy Game Geer, Lynx etc Back to business. we have few questions that hope you can kindly answer them for us 1 Is the Japanese Gameboy

same as the UK/USA Gameboy. and is it true that the Japanese Gameboy cartndges work on the UK machine?

2 Roughly when will be the new Lynx (smaller version) be released in the UK? Marty and Dick, Cambridgeshire JAZ: 1 Yes. 2: This Christmes, supposedly.

#### YO HO-HO

Dear Jaz.

Recently I was shown by a triend of mine a strange device that he had got for the Nintendo.

This device was called the honey-bee end it was two pieces that fit together to make a cartridge This device has 76 Nintendo games in it supposedly When it was pleced in an English NES it did not load

It also did not have the seal of quality on like most games and accessories Please could you help?

Stephen Oldhem, Davenport, Cheshire

JAZ: That's because tt's an illegat pirete cartridge. It's most probably an NTSC or Secam cartridge (foreign telly formats). and therefore won't work on British TVs. Ahhh! What a shame, I feel so sad,

# TAXABLE RAFACO **PANTING FOR** PANTHER

ndrew Hallam, Chilwel

AZ: According to my Americ ources, Atari US have mounced that they have incalled development of the





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his is an incredibly popular game on the NES, and Scott Harris of Sobbutt, West Midlands has many a to for it Here's how to beat those and-of-level guardians!

#### OSTRO

He's easy to beat. He soits an egg from his mouth, so jump on it and then pick it up. Throw the egg at Ostro three times and he dies Now collect the tewel

#### MOUSER

He's the quardian to levels 1-3 and 3-3 As he throws his bombs pick them up before they start to flicker and throw them back at him. He should walk into the explosion, Do this twice again and he a a dead

#### FRYGUY

The guardian to level 4-3 To beat

#### GRADIUS

Shoot em ups are always pop Rahman of Manchester will give Gather six capsules and you tilsee on the screen Grab capsule number seven when your score column (fourth from the right) and piess A Now the ship has super-speed and super-tinno

To gel more points after gathering six capsules wait until there's a When the "?" appears grab the seventh and the reward is 10 000



A great tip's been sent in by Peter Newman and Scott Turnbull of Altrincham, Cheshire Use this method to get unlimited continues! Pause the game and press up up. down, down, teff, right, left, right then B and A together. When you die and the offer of Continua or End appears press Continue by pressing the A button.







him Intow lifee mushioom blocks at him. Now kilf the four small Fryguy spriles. How do you do him? Pick up one of the mushroom blocks and jump to the log teft of the screen and wall for Fryguy to come beneath you. Then drop the mushroom on him lifee times to.

#### TRYCLYDE

monsters as well.

This three-headed snake is line guardian to worlds 2-3 and 6-3 Pul same blocks (preferably about three) in front of Mario. Now when Triclyda breaths fireballs at the Italian U-bend expert the balls are dellected off the blocks end hat the evid now. Now throw a further three blocks at the snake to finish him.

#### CLAWGRIP

This is the quardian to world 5-3.

His ability at rock throwing is second to none, so keep out of the way when they land! Stay by the gap just under Clawgrips, and if the rock rebounds off the small wall it rolls founds Mario so gamp onto if. Pick it up and throw if all the nasty boy five times to send him to also good.

#### WART

Warf is the final boos guirding the cond of the game He's lough so waith out The best method of bearing him is to stand on the patient with the second of the thresh was not grab the objects as they come out of the thresh work or which was the come out of the thresh work or which was the object at him work in all the work of the thresh was the object at him work and the work of the thresh work of the thresh was the object at him which was the work of the wore



#### SIMON'S QUEST

RIBBON

Niten Saxena of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire (who sends his waimest regards to ACE and Raze readers - does he want his head kicked in?) has loadsa info on this in-depth Nintando game. Let's go

## MANSION ONE - DRACULA'S

Go right from the start and keep going until you reach some stairs. Go down them and keep travelling inght into the cave, then up. Go left end you'll be standing outside the mansion.

# MANSION TWO - DRACULA'S HEART

Go right from the start until you reach the stars and go down. Go into the cave and up (so before), but but unin right at the lop. Keep going until you come across some more stars and descend Keep right unit you reach a large lake, then bend down holding the red crystal and it will sink down revealing more stars. Go down again to be quistle the mansion.

#### MANSION THREE -DRACULA'S EYEBALL

Go left from the stert and continue until you reach the ferryman. Hold



#### MANSION FOUR -DRACULA'S NAIL

Reaper to gain the Golden Knile!

Go left from the start and past the learyman. Stop at the end of the westelands at the big red cliff (Deborah ctff). Kneet down with the red crystat and wait a wherewind will take you up and deposit you outside the mansion.

#### MANSION FIVE - DRACULA'S RING

Go back to Deborah Cliff and cell the whirtwind. At the mansion go left until you arrive at the take Band down with the red crystal and go down the stairs, going left until you get to the mansion. Kitl Vamolira fur the criss.

#### CASTLE DRACULA; DRACULA'S FATE

Start al mansion four and go right and down the stairs. Stay right until you reach the castle. Kill Discula with the diamond to finish the game.



This is another cheat all the way from Australia. Jonathan Provner knows how to increase your lives tended On the title screen press up. up. down, down, left night. B, A, then start. Now instead of three lives you ve goll thirty Quite impressive - thenks Jonathan







# TIPS

#### SHADOW DANCER

Paul Farmer of Liverpool has some help for people, who want to know the locations of all the extra lives this rimia beat 'em up

#### STAGE 1-1

Affei The Irist green disc-thrower and the gunman beyond him are dead, stand on the brick in-betwee them and shoot. You're rewarded with a 1-up!

#### STAGE 1-2

Go beyond like lirst earthquake and above the disc-thrower. Once on the tedge a baddie rolls out and altacks, kill him and dodge the talking rocks (but stay on the tedge). Now shoot and another 1 up is yours!

## BONUS STAGE

Avoid killing any of the nin(as for a 1-up

#### STAGE 2-1

Jump down onto the ledge with two gunmen near the end of the level. Kill them, face right and fire. Now collect the massive 2-up reward.

#### STAGE 2-2

All the Italier jump on to the second box jump up and shoot right, and then collect the symbol

#### **BONUS STAGE**

Do the same as the first bonus stage

## STAGE 3-1

Walk to the end of the third platform up and shoot the baddle who rolls out. Keep shooting until the symbol appears. Leave if and go back jump up to the above level. Walk right until you re at the end above the

#### STAGE 3-2 No extra lives

# BONUS STAGI

At the gaping holes jump over the first one. Turn acculate then

#### lace left then shoot to reveal an extra life. Unfortunately it's a fin

#### STAGE 4-2

After disposing of the second green disc-hrower keep going until you come to the place where builets fly out the dark. Kill the two guinnen and jump over the brick. Turn to face left and shoot the brick to reveal the

## BONUS STAGE Same as usual STAGE 5-1

in room two between the I Oth and 12th boxes, jump down and shoot left while crouching to get a 1-up. In room three behind the box where the hostage hides shoot left while crouching to get another 1-up. In room five there's yet another extra the shoot the jewel.



# SWORD OF SODAN

Arilhony Kennedy of Middleion, Menchester knows all the polion mixtures in this dreary stash "em up. Here ere the combinations:

#### BLUE AND GREY: Shield BLUE AND DRANGE: Poison

BLUE AND RED: No effect

BLUE, GREEN AND ORANGE: Super zapper BLUE, GREEN AND RED: Extra life BLUE, D RANGE AND RED: No effect GREEN AND DRANGE: Flaming sword

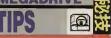
#### GREEN AND RED: Extra life ORANGE AND RED: Long-lasting flaming sword

If falling into the traps on level five is a problem, took for a small darkly-shaded part of the floor. This

















Paul Martin from the lete of Wight is a bit of an expert at thie fabby Nintendo game, and he's sent in a whole player's guide to get lesser astronauts through the tricky bits. Thenke Pauli



# HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN WARPSHIP HE PLAYER'S GUI

#### A GUIDE TO THE GALAXY





PLANET FOUR
PASSWORD DBBNBMBBXWHB
WATCH OUT FOR Limpet Cannana, Mega-Gravity
Ringets and Each Sheller





#### PLANET SIX

PASSWORD: DGCOGHBBMLHB WATCH OUT FOR Laser Launchers and Gun

#### TENDO

On the following planets, you don't get the chance to buy weapons. but here are the passwords ammay

PLANET THREE PASSWORD: ONBXPBHBRXHB PLANET FIVE PASSWORD: DLDPDKKBGLHB PLANET SEVEN PASSWORD DNDGPHHBRXHB PLANET NINE PASSWORD DMGZNOKBGI HB

PASSWORD: OOGHQBBBROHB

#### SECRET **PLANET** THIRTEEN!

PLANET ELEVEN

PASSWORD, DDHVBOBBGDHB After finding the last piece of the Golden Warpship on Plenat Twelve, Jatman goes on to Planet Thirteen, in which you ere actually flying the Werpship! This level is full of floating boulders which destroy your ship if they hit it. Shooling them breeks them Into three smaller rocks, so the action is a bit like that arcade oldie

Tha boss at the end of the gems is a massive rock with five eyes which can only be hit when they're open. That may not sound too difficult but the boss is protected by a spinning shield of indestructible rockel



#### KNOW YOUR ENEMY



LIMPET CANNON Stay at en engle when firing and avoid small groups of these pesky

gun emplecements SAUCER FORCERS Easy to kill, but mind you don't



bump into their slow bullets! DOUBLE-BARRELED PISTON PUMPERS Oon't venture within their line of fire - always dastroy thas a from

**GUN JUMPER** 



The inherent anti-gravity of the red planeloids pushes you away but it's herdly worth destroying these The blue ones drag you towerds them, so they are dangerous, but luckily they're also pretty aasy to kill



end DARTER

One hil will send this tlying oft CRYSTAL SNAPPERS Cangarous because it tollows you eround Two hits send it to the great crystal mine in the sky

LASER LAUNCHER Another baddie that should only be attacked from above

DESTROYER

The hardest beddle of the lot (apart from the boss at the end of the gama). The best advice is just to blest it as much as you cent



PLANET 12





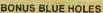
## PLANET EIGHT PASSWORD: DDORBGBBXWHB WATCH OUT FOR: Crystel Breppe Launchers and Destroyers. BUY: Star Bullets, Momentum Killer



## PLANET TEN

PASSWORD: DOBBMBBMLHB
WATCH OUT FOR: Mage-Gravity Planets and Darle
BUY: Momentum Killer and Smart Bomb





Every so often blue holes appear, and when they do it's worth zipping towards them es test as you can, because they don't hang around for long. It you can catch it and nip inside you're given the option of either playing a bonus game or going up to a higher lavel

The holes eppear on these planets. PLANET ONE: Go to the first gun then go diagonally

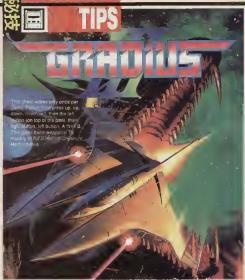
up and laft PLANET THREE: This one's invisible. Head for the

middle of the circling robots with your shields off PLANET EIGHT: Go to the top of the screen and keep fiving right

PLANET NINE: As on Planel Eight go to the top of the screen and head right. But, walch oul! It you choose the bonus game ba careful not to run into a mine as one touch will destroy you







## SEGA

#### TRANSBOT

bullons. The lille screen now along with the secret command

**OPTION ONE: Infinite** lives **OPTION TWO: Infinite** 

weapons and ammo **OPTION THREE: Infinite** power

OPTION FOUR: Slow cycling on the weapons

section of the game, select alien. Hilluns' when they appear The screen should stop scrolling and allow Transbol to enter the under-lunnel. You should now be

#### ZILLION I

That rescal of unknown origins Simon Davies, has provided some juicy cheals for this game. Input a MAP command into a computer and go to room D3 (DO NOT collect any "Opa-Opas" on the way) Shool the cylinder furthest to he right on the top deck. An Opa-Opa should now appear Collect this and your life power should now go to 720. Go half off the screen so that the lift is still visible. Go into the lift and let the yellow barner reduce your life to 120 Quickly pull down on the joyslick and return to the room in which you started. Your life force should now be 900 because you are invincible. Zowwieee!

#### CYBORG HUNTER

Another tip from Andrew Scotl of Australial Find a power-up somewhere then enter an elevator on the same floor. Now you can gel another power-up. This can be done as many limes as you want

# **GAMEBOY**

#### **BURAI FIGHTER** Codes for the later leads on this shoot lem up have

been sent in by Stuart Austin of Finstall, Words They

LEVEL TWO: HGKM LEVEL THREE: CPFG LEVEL FOUR: JICM LEVEL FIVE: DKLF

#### NEMESIS

Paul Bush of Teddington, Middlesex has discovered the way to the bonus stage and wants to share his knowledge with the world. On level two, near to the end, you pass a square-looking robot. There are Iwo codas, shool the one at the top of the screen and then fly through the space at the bottom - and now you're in the bonus game!





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## FAMICOM



TIPS

Sim City is a clessic game concept without a shadow of a doubt end the Super Famicom version is the beet yet! The only problem is that the mejority of the text in the game is in Japanese! So, MEAN MACHINES is proud to present a brill player's guide for the game, along with a set of cunning tips!

#### **GETTING STARTED**

So, you're controved with elarge open expanse of land and you want to create e.d'y. The first thing to do s find a place to put down a power plant. Choose a secluded area, away from where you're going to put your residential engibeculnodes (recold you like a bir enest to a smoke spewing power plant?), Industrial and commercial areas are your next concern make sure the trensport communications between all areas are good.



#### **QUESTION MARKS?**

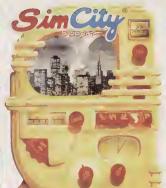
The Question Mark con at the bottom of the kondisplay is quite speciel. If it's flashing, a speciel building cen be added to you landscape! These buildings include the likes of your house, the bank, cesmos and tun fers! Some of these buildings era purely cosmetic. Others lead the way to different screens, like the special 3D-sieh view!

#### THE TAX SHEET

Choosing this option reveels the complex tax sheet. The figure at the top is that tax level you tery on the Sims. This can be altered to whelever you want, but remamber that the Sims get pretty upset if the tax level is too high and will leeve if they feel they're shelling and too much.

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# HEAVY TRAFFIC! If your city is greed v

il your city is greced with an airport, a helicopter regularly patrols your city. This airborne angel reports any incidence of heavy firaffic that may occur, thus renabling you to act quicker in relieving the eutomobile-refated



# THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

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#### **GROWING PAINS**

Once your city has developed into a sprewling metropolis, keaping a track of individual buildings growth cen be a tad difficult. To make this task easiar, simply select the magnifying glass icon. This clearly labels all of the buildings on screen, end shows how well developed they ere.

#### THE CONTROL PANEL

For those new to Sim City, the masses of icons must seem a tad bewildering, so check out this lovely icon d ble

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#### LOAD 'N' SAVE

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## RESIDENTIAL RU

The beaches are vary important in Sim City Place residential areas along the coastline and you cen expect the area to grow incredibly quickly, and it'll be worth a bomb too! A werning though, don't buildoze the beach - or your properties lose all their value! Also, make sure there's only one road or rall in or out ot a residential area - the noise pollution from trains and cars brings the property valua down.



All tour seasons ere taithfully replicated in Sim City end such has an effect on your city. The spring end summer usually bring your little Sims scurrying into your establishment, whilst the autumn end winter





Jazza'e off living it up in the USA at the moment, so "gamely" standing in for him on the Tips Helpline le Paul Glancey, who, he says, le the next baet thing.

Anyway, If you're stuck in a dungeon, or a boss is getting tha better of you, send in your problam to ue hera at the Helpline, and we'll try to use our vast console-gaming experience to help you out. Send your query to TIPS HELPLINE, MEAN MACHINES, PRIDRY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU. Please meka sura It states TIPS **HELPLINE** very cleerly on the envalope or the post-eorting minion gets all confused and has to lie

Oh, and by the wey, when you write in, don't forget to eay exactly what the game le (you'd ba eurprised how meny don't) and the machina It'e on. Aleo, try to be epecific ebout where you'ra having trouble. Don't just eav, "I'm etuck in Taanage Mutent Horo Turtles, pleasa help" or we won't be able to answar.

down in a darkened room, Tal

Finally, can we just make it complotaly clear that we NEVER, EVER giva personal replies, evan if you do send a etempad, addressed envelope. Sorry, but If wa answered every letter wa got we would never have time to write the mag. And then wa'd ell ba eorry (aspecially Oz who's a sensitive soul).

#### TEENAGE TURTLE TRAPPEDI

Mr Jan de Brauw, Barford St

PAZ: If you meen, "where le lake on level two. As soon as three. Eeey, eee?

#### FINAL RIP-OFF

Dear Jaz, I read in enother mag that thoro is e two-player moda hidden in Supe Famicom Final Fight, it says you

should go to the options acresh

PAZ: We've had quite a few calls about this "tip" and I'm teiling you now - IT DOESN'T WORK! There is no way you can select tune 99 on the sound test, because there eren't enough tunes in the gene! Beeldee, If the programmers had put a two places and in the tense why pleyer option in the geme, why would they went to hide it?

#### **CRUSHED BY** CASTLEVANIA

Dear Jaz, I'm stuck on the third level of Castlevenia on the Game Boy, My ... me, the second ceiling starts to come in, but I don't know how i can stop it or svoid it. Can you help mo please? Narvir Sidhu, Derbyshire

duck, then when you've got etop that part soming down egain.

#### **LINK GETS HAMMERED** Door Jaz.

so, where?

CITY UNDER



#### IMPRISONED E-SWATTER!

Doar Jaz,

I can't work out how to get out of the prison on level two of Megedrivo E-SWAT. Could you please explain as it's driving me crazy. David Gooderham, Sible Hedingham

SIEGEPAZ: DRIVING yoo crazy? You must be crazy not to the worked it out for yourself. Actually, I'm a fine one to talk because it had me a little confused the first time I played it. Go through the two IN signs on the ground floor, then when you've completed those you have to go back to the starting point, where a lift will be welting (that's the bit that gol me confused). Take the lift up to the top right of the prison end go through the IN sign, then work your way back down, felling through the gaps in the platforms. When you see the GO arrow which leads to the two bosess, make sure you jump the gep or you'll have to start egain from the beginning.

# INE

PAZ: I don't know what you mean by lavala one and two, but perhapa this will make it clearer. To get the hemmer you'll need to cross the bridge at the water town of Saria, and to do that, you'll need the latter from Bacu (ha lives in the forest nearby somewhers). Once across the bridge, head south until you're In the maze of clearings. Gal through this (keep going right wranever you may me option; and you should be seat of a clearing with a cave in its cantre. The hammar is in there. Before you can find the raft, you need to complete the palace in the swamp and head to the King's Tomb at the cantre of the greveyard. From there, walk h until you fall into a warp which takes you to the Island palaca, the location of the raft.

# **BURNING THE BOSS**

Dear Jaz.

I have bought Helffire on the Megadrive and I think it is upon. I have bought yet and think it is upon. I have bought yet and the sea, and want to know if it is the least in the game. Also, I we op prest the least four grean a think is upon the sea cross browers a motorbike and a panceable, He will be half are yet supposed to kill it? The cleared most shoot it muy, but this one has me shumped.

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Paul Harris, Ledestar Howevey to beast this guy, Either would till his lowers his shallot dedge over the builds he first from his lance and use your disgonal is as a lo shoot over library, one can library, you can high party him and use vortical leasers on him. This means you don't have to worry about the shells from the lance, but which out for the misaliss that issunch born the beach of the ship.

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Here's where you aco gemesplayers can offer you arevices and become an honorary MEAN MACHINES Megapleyer. Other readers can write to you and sek for information or gemes lint you know inside out. If you write to a Megapleyer, don't forget to include a stemped addressed enveloped is into anough for these people to put their names forward to halp you. It is a stemped to the standard of the second of the sec

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## MEGADRIVE

# PREVIEW

Eagman atert in a deal that shocked marrormanistabs averywhara, vie Dr Eggman has bought up e load of land just just so he can capture at small furry inhabitants, brinwash them and put them inside his rocket povered Cyberfauna suits. With he ermy of eminurad animats. Eggman plans to terrorises the people of the world until they

relent and promise to pay him lots of money Sonic, being a speedy blighter, is the hedgehog that got away. Now, of course, he's resolved to free his forest buddass by doing over Eggman and he has to leg it through six hazardous zones, each made up of three scrolling areas

Tha landscape is packed with platform-type puzzles and territying terrain Not only that: Eggmen hes dispatched his robot-like forces to destroy Sonic before he can catch up with him! Luckly, Sonic is powerhouse of ehlbetc ability, and he can protect himself by curling into a ball and somersauling into any engmes, skewering them on his spines!

To protect him sail furthurs, Sone has to collect the power rings which we scattered throughout the power rings which we scattered throughout the landscape. If he bumps into an anemy the rings will protect him, but the collesion mekes him drop all those he was carrying, if Some stays out of trouble, every ring the gets to the and of the levels earns him 100 points, and it he has over 50, ha is inetantly warpad to the welrod bornus game!

## MARBLE ZONE



Sonic moves into a merble domain in the second world, but soon has to go underground. The route to the and of each area is through subterranean mazes which ere full of cascading streems of lave and spiked plungers! Watch out for secret rooms!

#### COMMENT

Yap, it's trus - Sonic is reatly greefit can't think of a Megodive game ' with more spaceduals graphics - aven Mickey Mouse wasn't as visually sxcilling es thie - and everything is just eo fast and smooth it's just astonishing! The design of the lavets and the obstacles is inganious (the Labyvinth Zone is a blastly), and if

PAUL love the fact thety out on really explore the levels for different routes and secret rooms, rether than simply having to gat from little to right. The instancious-of-ell-rings factor tended to be a little frostrating, but it certainly didn't prevent man coming back to this game again and egain. The walt has been worth it Megadrive fans - thie ta a game you MUST get!





## SPECIAL STAGE SPINNING







when he hits the end of a level, a massiva ring eppears. Travelling through this ring warps Sonic to a strange revolving maze, where bonus rings and mysterious Chaos Emeralds are hidden. What these emeralds eclually do isn't revealed until later on into the game, b. if if he collects enough points during this special stage, Sonic is rewarded with a continue for his efforts! Hurrehi



Wahay! Sonic beats Egghasd and releases his cuddly captives!

# BOXES O'TRICKS



HEDGEHOG











#### That epring can propel Sonic to the end of the level.



#### COMMENT



fiftaan zillion millanie of waiting, Sonic's finally here, end I s almost as fabby as Saga would have us believe! The graphics are

tremendous. with apperlative backdrops and aupar apritea. I cennot stress too much the graphical excellence of this game - It is definitaly the best looking Megedriva game yet saan, even more attractive than the Super Famicom's Merio 41 The speed of the game is incredible and when Sonic gats the supa-speed trainers, boy, does he shift! Piayability-wise, Sonic's great, although I found that the gameplay does gat a little fruetrating after a while, eapacially as there's e few almost impossblie situations that hapleas hedgehog can find himself in. I'm bound to get billions of 'phone cells asking If It's better than Mario 4, and whilet Sonic's a brill game, it just doesn't have the depth to

match Nintendo's masterplacs.

Still, I must admit that Sonic is one of the best Magedrive

games I've ever played! Buy,



populated by mechanical fish end drift-nosed monkeys Unfortunately, he can only hold his breath for a certain length of time so he has to look out for the air bubbles which leak out from cracks in the ground they're Sonic's only lifeline!



The landscape becomes a macabre form of pinball table in this level, with our prickly little hero being spenged around in all directions on contact with the star-spangled pletforms and springboarda, Push egeinet the walls whenever you get the chance because accret ring stashes are everywhere!

#### END-OF-LEVEL EGGHEAD

buy, buy!

At the end of each zone, Sonic is confronted by Euchead himself who is intent on sealing the spiny appedster's doom. Egghead floats about the screen in his Eggship, which is armed with a different weapon each time. In the first zone he is armed with a mighty ball end chain, end leter on he has a fire-spewing deeth cannon and a deadly spike to butcher the heroic hedgehogl



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# PROFILE ALLIANCE

A The Avenger's clock will save it!



There are 14 ships featured in Slar Control Dotted around the review you'll find profiles of seven of the most deadly ships. All of the ships in the name have a different main attack weapon, along with a cusiom device Pressing the B bullon fires the main weapons, and these range from rapid-fire lasers to cruise missite launchers! The custom device for each ship is fired up with the C bullon. Some ships have extra weapons (missiles and the like) whilst others have more interesting units like cloaking devices, shields and

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# PROFILE HIERARCH



ILWRATH AVENGER
This ship's flame-throwers are excellent in close-quarter combal, and its cloaking device means it can sneak up to opponents

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t slower and less manoeuvrable Then it can move in and desiroy its











MYCON PODSHIP The Mycon ship has mega-powarad homing plasma bolts as its main weapon. Once it is up to full power il regenerales crew members - useful in e long



# PROFILE ALLIANCE



Adding a bit of lasting power to the game is a stretegy option where there are a host of scenarios. That Alliance player has a number of starbases to delend ageinst superior Hierarchy forces For example in the first scenario the Hierarchy have the Ur-Quan ship while the Alliance have to make do with the weedy self-destructing Shofixli



A The briefing for one of the streteov missions.

#### COMMENT



Megadrive gamee I've had the e made. Each ehip hee ite awa your mighty bettleship might be wiping the floor with your opponent, and then he comes up with a ship aquipped with superior firenawer AND e eneclel laeer

designed to deel with you the sheer amount of chips that make Control test eo long. My fevourite ehip has to be the Kimgon Bird of Prey-elike (it e evan got the eking device!). In one-player made, a lot of the ne ie loet, eimply beceuee roasting the backsids of your pal is such a good laugh. Star Control le one the graviaat Iwo-playar gamae you'll ever play, but if you're going to be playing an your laneeame, you'd beet give this e miee







The Vux scores a direct hit!







head-to-haad stakes, this

take out his tleat. JAN Many of my tunchtimaa (and beyond) hava been taken up with very noisy maga-battlas with Gary Harrod! Playing it on you just isn't anywhere near as much fun even the excellant presentation brilliant samplad sound affects (ace how many old b-movie sounds you can identity!) and a weirdo strategy game don't retp. t think it's simply bucausa ou can t turn to the Magadriva nd ahout gleatutty at it wi you've just wheat out it a beat ship! So think long and hard bators you buy this game - It you've always got a second player to kick assa with. It's ars just won toet value for money out of the product.



GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM LIVES: N/A CONTINUES: D SKILL LEVELS: 3 RESPONSIVENESS: VARIED

breakdowns of each ship plus a massive variety of options give this plenty of polish

The still screens are utterly stunning, but the in-game graphics are rather disappointing

Raucous affects which suit the action perfectly - sea how many samples you can identity from crappy sci-fi moviesi

it looks rubbish to start with, but simultaneous two-player action comes no nner than this

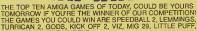
The two-player option is something you'll come back to years from now - the single player action isn t as much tun, though

Looks crap, but this is a thoroughly brilliant two player Megadriva title which should definitely be looked at

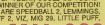








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Caplain Skyhawk's Ih an F-14 Tomcal He's also souped-up F-14 lucil ship can hover in mile into space like the St agons than a B52 blan

Histmain objective is to destr installations that the enemy have closted but there's loads of sub-missiona in the game that Skyhawk must carry out be a can-chim to be victorious!

#### COMMENT

Rara aran't usuelly ones to diaappoint when it comes to Nintendo gemea end Captain Skyhewk la yet another exemple of a brilliant gama. The graphics are excellent, the aprites are varied and well-animated (especially Skyhawk's F-14) and the backdrops are brill, the sound's decant as well with eccomplished tunea and spot on effects. But it s

RICH the playability that counts end

Captain Skyhawk la simply superbi The inartie on the F-14 is excellent, and the gema is very chellenging with loads of levals to conquer. I particularly like the level where the wings stay awapt back, and Skyhawk has to negotiate the landacapa travelling at super-sonic apeeds without creshing! To be perfectly honest, Captain Skyhawk la one of the tinest NES action games out - and it's certainly the best Nintendo game I've

played since Snake, Rettle and Roll.

#### UP-THE-SCREEN ANNIHILATION

Most of the game is set over a multi-directionally scrolling 3D landscape, with Skyhawk travelling up the screen in his trusty F-14 This part of the name depicts Skyhawk s low-level straing of anemy largets. The action changes once Skyhawk reaches the end of the level





BLINKING FLIP

Being a bit of en ace flyer. Captern Skyhawk is capable of all sorts of aenal antics. His party linck is the amazing 360 degree barrel roll. This is great for avoiding enemy fire and missiles, but watch you don't barrel roll into a cliff face!





PRVERTER BEP



mission sees Skyhewk attempting to dock with his base in outer space The problem is that the base is spinning and Skyhawk has to time his own spin correctly if ha's to enter his own bese without

# SKYHAWK SHOPPERAMA

Special Skyhawk money is given for each enemy terget successfully destroyed. This can be used at the Skyhawk Shop to oain extre weapons

# **Z5mm CANNON**

Skyhawk armoury This can be power cannon should be your lirst objective it's the most powerful weapon by far!

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These come in handy for laking ou atray jets in the Afterburner-style section of the game. One press of the B button locks the missile onto largel. The next sends it o

# MAVERICK MISSILES



brand of Mayerick missiles. These babies spread explosive warheads in three directions on release. Thus destroying a larger area Useful for the main enemy bases.

## HAWK BOMBS

Annihilate a large area with the aid of these cheap Hawk bombs! Their explosive power comes in handy when taking on





#### BOMB THE BASE

Destroying these bases is the key to the game. To make them explode. Skyhawk simply has to shoot the lour arbs and then centre his fire on the control lower in the middle of the complex But these bases are heavily armed, so Skyhawk hed better watch out for the heavy flak



#### SPECIAL MISSIONS!

ometimes, instead of blowing ubase, Skyhawk is directed to rry out a special mission. The carry out a special mission. The first involves dropping off supplies to situate forces. the second involves rescuing a valuable professor that this snamy have kidnapped. This involves blasting sway at various brocelleid generators that are holding the poor Prof captive.



Watch out for shraps



C'mon! Lock on!

#### COMMENT

Ceptaln Skyhawk is one of the smoothsat and testest bissting games I've seen on the Nintendo, and I love it! The ip-ths-screen sections are vary challanging, with hazarda whizzing

JULIAN by banasth you and things to bisst out of the sky and strats on the ground. At top speed you restly have to rely on your ratisxes to guide tha plans sately around the hills and through the rather thin valleys without crashing! The other sactions add planty of variety to the action, and the and result is

a brilliant-looking, reaction-testing bisster with loads of high-speed action







GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM LIVES: 3

**CONTINUES: 3** SKILL LEVELS: 1 RESPONSIVENESS: SPEEDY







As usual for a Rare gams, faultisss! Excellent attract acreens and supar control method

92% Amszing sprites compats with the accomplished backdrops for the pleyer's stisation

Decent tunes and some excellent sound affecte!

Control of the F-14 is easy, and the gems is Immediately addictive!

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# REVIEW

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forces of good - and that includes Joe himself! Old Joe's obviously more than envious to rale asa his pale from this evil spell - but the only way he can do this is to beat them all into submission in e bit of one-on-one combat! Each ninja is hiding at the and of have a short strainsorn this part have a short store to be at up the Zaed contingent and basit a path through to that and of the level. However, the good news is that once Joe's reference one of the captured rinip. The can use their special abilities and magic powers as wall as his

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#### COMMENT



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Simpolitakes to the freetops in order to rescue the green rings stuthe Zeed are guarding him well, with all sorts of ninje sporting some self weaponry (like flying sawblades, for exemple). After the orest, it's time to risk a suicidal.

with the Zeac base hidden cunningly in the harbour! Once all of Joe's chums have been safely rescued, it's off to Net City for the final confrontation!



#### COMMENT



To be honest, there's been nothing 

more. Although it's only available on import at the moment, GG Shinobi is a must if you can track it down. If you can't find it, it's out officielly later on his summer - so you've got plenty of time to stert

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## COMMENT



gama, but as usual with absurdly aimple gamas it's good lun. It plays like gama, Crosstire so thera's not

This is on

#### really an awtut PAUL tot of skitt required. Each game is just e

renzy of grabbling the batts and chucking them at your popponent, and with two players this is a great laugh, it you'ra after a good two playar pak,





#### COMMENT

bought King of import a while ago whan it was called Panguin War, and many the train journay that's baen livened up by this odd-ball

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about giving it a higher rating i that solo players may well gat borad of the game prafty quickly, but it you're playing against another parson, King of ha Zoo is great fun. Try it and



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#### COMMENT



What puts me off most RPGs is the long winded combat by rounds aystam which I find boring, and uniortunately that's the system used in Might and Magic. My tirst battle was against two orce and it took about tive minutes of command selection to delast them

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FAUL interacting is the wide variety of monetars, though eann of their methar unlikely—how about being attacked by a revenue ageng of witch's cate, or accupied of mail dimensure who ware wandering the city atreate. The game has a lot of depth and thera's wide accept for character development but anyone who lan't atracty a keen onles player won't appreciate it, and may well titled the lack of action and atmosphere make Might and Margie a revi dray.

# Another CHARACT BUILDING



# REVIEW (49)





GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM LIVES: N/A CONTINUES: N/A SKILL LEVELS: N/A







The basic but informative intros set the style for the rest of the game

Hardly elaborete, but the monster graphics

are good, and the different displays give the player all the information he needs

for hours listening to the insipid tune, but thankfully it can be turned off

M&M2 is instantly playable and the

old-feehioned combet, though long-winded isn't too difficult to get to grips with

his will take a LONG time to complete, but

Wealthy RPG fans should anjoy this, but beginners may not be quite so taken with Might and Magic

# 午寺集

# REVIEW

For centuries people all over the world have played that ancient geme of strategy, so it comes as no surprise to find thet console chase games ere popping up all over the place. Last month we reviewed Chessmaster on the Gemeboy and now we have Sera Chessor (oddly enough) the Masier System.

Sega chess or (loody anough) the Master System. The game ploys in either overhead or 3D mode, the former being clearer and the latter being more attractive. Of course, all the niles of chess er el eptide including En Passant and Caatling. Options include one or two players, sampled speech, this number of loypads used and the depth of the computer player's loypads used and the depth of the computer player's

thinking if playing solo.

If you have trouble thinking up a good move to make, the computer provide a hint end if you really get etuck any number of moves can be taken beck. Also it's possible to force the computer a move to stop it from having too long to think, and if none of that works, and defeet seems inevitable, you can even resort to swepping sides!

#### COMMENT

Chass is a great game, and I'm Jorry that I don't get the chance to play as often as I would like. This certainly plays a good game of chees and the computer opponent is pretty tought to best. However, the two-player mode is a bit pointlesse—If you've got a triend to pley then why not use a resi board? Otherwise this Sega product simply plays the role of a

MATT gloritled chees computer, with the addition of sempled speech which becomes ennoying after e short time. I can't say there'e anything much wrong with this, but I don't realty see much point to it either.

CHE



▼ 3D mode - looks nice, dunnit? ▼ 2D mode - not quite so nice.





#### PROBLEMS PROBLEMS

Unlike the speech the various special modes and a great dast to the game. The Problem mode sets up a specific chees problem for the player to solve, whele Adaptive mode means their the computer will dead its move in the time the player took for his or hers. However, for a real challenge, choose linitiate mode then the computer will take as long as it wents to make its minute.



# SEGA

GAME DIFFICULTY: AVERAGE LIVES: N/A CONTINUES: N/A SKILL LEVELS: EIGHT RESPONSIVENESS: SLDW



Simple, basic screens show all you need to

know

The playing pieces are large and clear evan In 3D mode

The sampled sound is vary clever although you'll probably want to turn it off after a while.

It's chees, and that's as pleyeble now as aver. Two playare won't gain much from playing on-acreen though,

The number of difficulty lavels and special modes will keep you going for ages.

A decent, if expansive, gama which is best recommended to cliess lans who have no-one to play against.



▼ The options acreen is quite extensive.



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Stuck? Try the hint lcon.

#### **SPEECH E-FFECTS**

The speech in the game is simply there to state the obvious. For exemple, if the pleyer is using playing white and it's his go the mechine says, "Whila move" - very Informative! It the computer puls the player in check, the computer conveniently states, "Check". This really helps the kind of gamer who has some kind at vision defect.



#### COMMENT

My Interest in chesa was recently ra-kindled by the release of Chasamester on the Gemeboy, But avan though this Sega chasa gama has some claer, well-dafined graphics and interesting sonic

touches, I don't think it hes arough, to warrant the maesive price ten. it's not that the gams is particularly bad, nor is the computer opponent a poor playar, it's just that beating

RICH it aimply lan't as much tun as a battle of strategies with a real human baing, and using a console to raproduce a game that is far better played with another person end a tive guid chass set saams a bit pointless. Solo chasa maniaca will no doubt anjoy this game no and. sepecially with all the spacial modes, but those who want to raally anjoy chass will buy a decent board and save the rest of their doch tor aomathing elee.

# NTENDO

Ninja Ryu Heyebuse is out to shuriken some buttl His father Ken has been killed end in accordance with his last wishes, Ryu has taken the mystical Dragon Sword to America. But all is not wall, and an evil gang want the sword so they can use it to revive the damon they worship.

Shedow Warrior, known in Jepan and America as Studow Weinfor, known in Jepan and Amarica as Ning Gaden, sate Phy e she herede hirough America hacking and kicking loses as he goes. The game is split into an ext., which are in hum divided into a total of twenty sub-areas. Phys alasts in Galesburg them or progresses through Death Valley and Yoma Carlo the enemy hideout in the Templa of Duriness. At the end of each so, fly high host lose on the membra of The Melde Seat as Ry hy has to leave on the membra of The Melde Seat as Ry hy has to leave on the company. The progression of the progre











# WARRIC





If Ryu can find them, he can make use of four different weapons which draw their power from his Sorribuel Strength, Whan thet's gone, the weepons are uselass!



# THROWING

Primitive, and not very effective. but et laast it kills the more irritating, weeker foes from a distance



#### WINDMILL THROWING STAR

More powerful then the ordinary throwing slar, and it has the extre effect of swinging backwards, boomersng-style



# THE ART OF

FIRE WHEEL An extansion of the Invincible Fire Wheal, This lets Ryu create e fire wheel then cast it lowards en



#### JUMP 'N' SLASH

Allows Ryu to perform spin jumps holding his sword so that envithing he hits is instantly sliced into little bits suitable for stir-fry

# COMMENT



The more I pley this game, the more it reminde me of Nintendo Belmen. The pletform,

leeping-between-welle gemeplay is very eimilar, but then, eeeing as Belmen was one of the best NES gemee of 1990, that can't be a bad thing. Shedow Werrior's graphics eren't guite se etvileh es Betmen's but they etill do e creditable jab. The spritce are detelled and PAUL well-animeted, and the Tecmo

Theater interludes help eupply e lot of etmosphere. Shedow Werrior is probably the best ercede-style Ninle game on the NES, so envone efter come Shinobi-lype churiken shenenigens cen't go wrong buying thie.





## NINTENDO

#### COMMENT



pisseed to find the rest of the gams, in terms of graphics, sound and gamapley, le up to the sams high stendard. Don't be put off by the fect that you gst an infinits number of continues - you won't bs abis to finish the game in half sn hour, simply because there is

The enimetion of the main sprite is eo good that I was instantly Impressed by this game, and I was

so much to get through. The difficulty level le cisverly est, so that sysry tims you lose a life you have to recest the last part of the level enywey. Often this makes a gams frustrating, but in Shedow Warrior it just made ms more determined to nell more Ninis ese. Anyons who sppreciates quality ehould make sure their piggy benk is full by September, then rush out and buy this, as it's the best arcade-style gams on the NES for yonks.

## NINJA BINGE

was sctually reviewed in issue zero of MEAN MACHINES (which was never in the shope). Secause it was originally scheduled for release last year. Since then, though, it seems that hinjas have become a taboo subject in Britain, aspecially when they're the subject of a product armed at kids (why dryou think the Teenage Mulant e Turtles became the Teenage Mutant Hero Turtiee?). Hence. Ninja Geiden was transformed into dow Warrior. Shadow Warriors used with this Nintendo game







#### ALNIN THEATRICS

Shadow Warrior features Teorns a Teorno Theater idea, which help the story of the game with entmated sequences between Isvels. There's a sequence at the heatening of each chapter to ANNUAL PROPER MAN MEMBERS roheeologist, Firelity Guardia, da hichaeti as the manterning ing the plant. He's noted up it he ample ruins, and it's up to Fly a teach him a leasuri.



# BY: TECMO

GAME OIFFICULTY: MEDIUM LIVES: THREE CONTINUES: UNLIMITED SKILL LEVELS: ONE







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ost of the spritee (sapecially Ryu) are greet and the backgrounde ere nifty, too!

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AYABILITY

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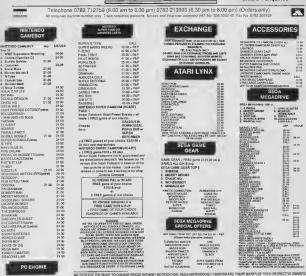
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Fighting laval two's Spider Boss,

# WEAPONS OF

There are four different weapons available to our hero during a game, hara's a quick infroduction to each, This icon is very important it powers-up Wardner's weaponry, and this level of power is kept

even if he changes weapons!



DROOPY BALLS These are thrown quite a long distance and then fall earthwards in an arc.



STRAIGHT BALLS A lot like the droopy balls, apart from the fact Ihal Ihey aren I affected by gravity.



Watch out for the ghoulies!



Duck the fireballs!



BENDY BALLS These balls fire in

massive curves. Taking out targets

perched on high platforms

← AIEE! Fire-spitting idols!

ファンタジー・ワールドでくり



BIG BALLS The most powerful balls kept in Wardner's pockels and very effective when they're whipped out against the baddles





Things aren't quite what they seem in Wardner and it's definitely not just a case of moving right across the scrolling landscape and firing blindly. For example on the first level tiny gun turrets, difficult to spot, open fire on the hero as soon as he climbs a rope. Later on he is attacked by giant flies who materialise once our man reaches the top of a stone ziggurat! Other surprises include indestructible eggs, whirling buzz saws, and moving walkways!





Wardner brevee the flame

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This dregonling guerds the end-to level one.







Wardner lights a weird array of monsters as he travels through the game. These include Egyptian heads, fire spirits and spiked wheels. On later levels expect to light flying eggs, headless zombies, walking cannons and even a giant spider with a human head! Each monster requires special tactics to defeat, so experimentation is the key. Some beasts can only be killed with certain weapons so collect everything in sight! Look out for those creatures that can t be killed at all like the fireballs, flying eggs and spiked wheels!





# OLDE SHOPPE

Occasionally, Wardner visits the shop, where he can top up on new weapons and special items. The only downside is that it all costs money



Money is found in many shapes and forms (well, two to be precise) Chasts can be opened to yield their monetary load, and blasting meanies provides many money bags to add to your collection.



**CLOAK** This protects Wardner from enemy hits.



SEWING NEEDLE Repairs Wardner's cloak, so it can take even more hits!



CLOCK If the timer runs out, this useful little item eutomatically kicks In and adds thirty more saconds to the clock





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RELEASE OATE: IMPORT GAME DIFFIGULTY: EASY/MED

TIVES: 4 CONTINUES: 9 SKILL LEVELS: RESPONSIVENESS: GOOD



The story is told in great detail, but unfortunstaly unlass you reed Japenesa it means nothing

The sprites and backgrounds are slightly fuzzy in placas, but are nevertheless similar

to their arcade counterparts

Brilliant tunes and electrifying effects make this an aural delighti

Werdner's a tricky game, and there are plenty of neaty surprises to catch out

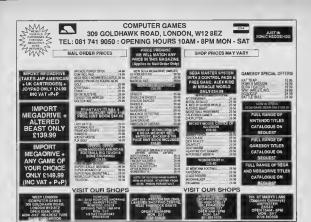
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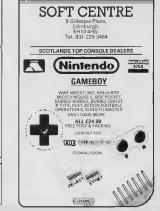
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A thoroughly enjoyable coin-op conversion which features great sound and oodles of playability. Highly recommended to platform fans

Jump VERY carefully! MEAN MACHINES 72







## **MEGADRIVE**





Betrayed! After signing a peace treaty with the CATS star pirates, the Alliance of Pleasant Worlds set about building eight space stations with the help of their new-found confederates. But as the eighth station reached its orbit, a bomb secretly placed abourd by CATS exploded destroying it uttarly!

Moments before the station exploded, its captain managed to reach hie Zero Wing starfighter and launch it. His mission is now to avenge his betrayed contrades, and bring CATS to justice - dead or alive!











## COMMENT



Toaplan have produced some really classy stuff on the

polished game to date. The some popular sequences which set the some are are, and the graphica throughout the game are really detailed - the Zero Wing ship Itself to a materipiez of spirit design, that until the are of Magaditin game. If demands a tool ship to give well, a front you like a service because there are some sight passages to regotate, and builts see constantly flying everywhere. Dathrillely one of the best Megaditive, blaste of recent months! plants of recent months!











MEGADRIVE

## CHOOSE WEAPONS





Even in its most besic form this shoots up to tive streams of crockets which lock on to any nearby enemy and blow it to smitherens. Power-ups make each shot more effective and at full strength this is extremely dengerous to CATS.





The tirst weapon is a torward-tiring particle cannon, and this pod also equips your ship with the two outrigger drones which treble your firspower and act as shields. Full strength is ten-way forward firepower!



This weapon tires powerful blue beams of laser energy streight ehead Powers-up to devasteting lances of pure plasma which would make avan end-of-level bosses quake in their boots if they were weering any.



N'S TRIUMPHS













## COMMENT





RICH insis a very originar graphic style, along with some party original wasponty too. The sound (as usual for a Tosphin gazm) is graze, with some pretty accent affects and prillant tunes. But it a usually the difficulty leaved of game that allower make to breake it, and could be supported to the sound of the sound



GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM/HARD

LIVES: 4 CONTINUES: VARIES WITH LEVEL SKILL LEVELS: THREE RESPONSIVENESS: FAST





Plenty of options and some great introduction screens which are unfortunately plaetered with Japanese text

As well as the terrific intro acreene, Zero Wing aports some great-looking sprites and backgrounds!

The sound affacte are fine and tha background tunee vary from "good" to "real good"!

Plays much like a lot of other choof 'em upa it hae aufficient innovative touchas and tha urge to see the next level keeps you playing

Not as easy to complete as other Megadrive biaete, but aven whan you do there are still secrets to discover the second time around

One of the best Megadrive blasts in ages. Well worth seving up for!



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## MEGADRIVE

## REVIEW

Once upon a time, when everyone was happy and commuting had yet to be invented, there was e otever young lad called Julian who lived with his two brothers in the land of Holm. Life for ihem and their countrymen was peaceful until, just when it looked like thinge couldn't get any better, bad fortune struck the land.

one constitute and violin was invested by horbats of uply mondates from the Saventh ... unter lot freit. Back in Julian is home lown, the sown eithers decided this only a megical tilemen could save the land from the limeders - but the fallemen had been stolent ... unter hearing the breast and most hardsome journess to fellah-me laid in the neighbourhood; volunteme journess to all to recover the laid of the laid of the laid of out to recover the laid of th

The adventure game casts the player as Julien (and the dee on the queet, as his brothers) as he travels through this land, fighting monaters and seeking resource on the road to that talleman. Folks he mosts on the way provide information and, if Julien has arough money, the chance to pick up weapons, provisions and spelle so that he stande a chance of euriving longer than ten minutes.



Julien rune into eoms shedy characters on the bridge!

## COMMENT



MATT anthralling: In set it ident interest me at all. So the whole game left me uninvolved and rether bored, and eithough this is technically great game I just cen't recommand it parsenally. Thy kight and Negle II if you though a Bore and when the most of the set of the most of the set of the set





nce upon a time, there lived three brothers in a small village in the land of Holm.







## MEGADRIVE





## BITS'N'BOBS



Julian starts off carrying only a degger, but later gets the chance to grab a load of goodies. Extra wespona, in the shape of bows, maces, end dirks give him edditional fighting power, end gless viels revive lost vitality after e punch up. Green jewele provide light in gloomy, wat passages Gold rings hall time for a short while, eo Julien can rush over end kill env monsters in his vicinity without getting hurt himself. Other lab items to look out for include Blue stones for teleporting end Crystal Orbs for finding secret doors

▼ Julian's brave makes him stronger in combat.



A change of music signals the approach of a menster so let's have a pock et a selection!



## in the deme, but wetch out it they're in groups! They often carry useful items which they drop when

WRAITHS



### early in the geme, but once ha's a bit tougher they are cream puffs. Try to greb their treasure just before they vanish.

These give Julian grief no matter how strong he has become. Close on them quickly and kill them before they minuse too many

## COMMENT



atmesphers of imminent denger. but the tiny character eprites mince eround leeking appalingly weedy. Graphical discrepencies wouldn't be so bed it there was enough gamepley to keep you distracted, but there len't, and you're never given a firm idea about what you should do next. Talking to the characters is pretty pointiess because they rerely have enything infermative to say and the combat section is, trankly, feeble. It you want a really good RPG spend the £40 en Sword et Vermillen, which



## BY: ELEC ARTS

GAME DIFFICULTY: TOUGH LIVES: N/A CONTINUES: N/A SKILL LEVELS: ONE RESPONSIVENESS: POOR



The brief scene-setting sequence is pleasant, but the 36-rune save game system is far too tong-winded.

## The game is dispisyed in a sort of semi-3D view which has weedy monster sprites

wendering eround it. The nice soundtracks are probably the

### game's best feature, sithough the effects are mont

At first, the hero seems to die avery twenty seconds making this a very difficult game to aet into.

This as verture is huge, so in the unlikely event that you're willing to persevere it could test for weeks.

A dull role-playing game which won't convert tton-adventurers to the cause. aspecially not at this price.



## REVIEW

Oim City gives the player a vast island. A massive Jamount of cash, and some very quick builders. Using these resources, it is down to you to create a city But set throwing down buildings and roads any old how an I good enough. Should your settlement be e nasty place to the then the smullade opoduce (the Small just won't bother moving in "Smidaly, they re exceeded every by the lace of massive some concept of the place of massive some contraction of the contraction

The options open to you change as your city grows For example, it's up to you of oeder whether your city could cope with an air or seaport. But via the popular opinion polis, the Same voice their own views on what air the most serious problems in the city. Also, if they timk that the city is lacking some coessary type of amenty (like a sports stedium, for example), they're all loo quick to throw down a few demends.

No-one said your term as the mayor of Sim City was going to be easy...





"O" LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

## COMMENT



I ve get Sim City on my PC, and nover illeredly they when you re creating your own urban work of art. Now, Imaginaer have released the Super Famicion game and it's the best version yet without a shadow of a doubt! The graphics have been apruced up and loads more buildings have been added to the original concept. You've even get your own house!). The sound

ARCH got your own house!). The sound there is a vest range of so othing tunes oblaying in the beckground while your city-certaing entice are in progress. The icen system is incredibly sery to use, and even though the mighority of the last is in a persease, and even shough the mighority of the last is in a persease, and expense should be a persease with a register tenselous or the instructions, which most importer are giving out with the game, Sim City is a flow the expense with a register tenselous to the care of the control of the control



遊園地 カジノ

市長、住民のために娯楽施設を建設しましょう。 適園地には住民があつまり、カジノは近罪が心配です が収入は覚えますぞ。

WADRスますで、 落園地とカジノのとちらにしましょう?

## OTHER BUILDINGS

Police and fire departments are sessinal for keeping your dity, set from all hazards - end if your dity is large enough police and fire area division buildings are created! Also look out for sports stadiums (both ampths beinks causing and even your own house! Some of these buildings only borned available leter on into the game end can be accessed via the question mark con on the bottom right of the panel









RELEASE DATE: IMPORT

GAME DIFFICULTY: MED LIVES: N/A **GONTINUES: N/A** SKILL LEVELS: N/A RESPONSIVENESS: GREAT







All the text is in Japanese, so it takes to grow accustomed to the game

81%

Functional, but parfact, and the cameo acreana are excallant

SOUND

Excallent tunes, and great sampled noises

Once you've figured out the Japanese text the game is easy to get into...

and never acems to grow stata! There's ages worth of city-building antics in store here!

A mega-addictive game concept that works brilliantly on the Super Famicom chack it out!

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some your progress or take on y Almough man office of wisdom are only discopherable to those who an read dispuress, his actions more then get the essage across, if her being chased around the even by a masked robber, you know that crime is fe Simarry, if he's being pursued by a moreler, you now that Godzilla e going to turn up!

## DISASTER!

If for some bizarre reason, you leel like destroying your city after you've created it (??), then Sim City anables you to do it in style! On the Armegeddon agenda you ll find the likes of lornadoes, fires, eerthquekes, see or air tragedies end if you're feeling rather destructive, there s even the opportunity to let a Godzilla-alike loose on your city!

## COMMENT



Sim City is ona ot those games in which once you atart playing it's very difficult o turn off. You start building your city, then you add mora

JULIA Nasaport. Make dar airport. Dael with a whole load na and pollution oblama... and than discover that it's 2:00 am and you've been ptaying tor six hours! it's an incredibty rewarding game to play, and you can watch your taaming matropolis flourish and grow - or start to fast it you don't run things properly! With Ha multitude of options maga-addictive playebility and

constant frash challanges, Sim City has more testing appeal that any other Super Famicom yat asan!



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# REVIEW

Jack Nicklaus is a bit of a boffin when it comes to golf, having won just about every major golfing accolade possible. However, he's taken time off from his exciting gotfing exploits to endorse this new

Nortlando golf simulation. Like a lot of current golf simulations, Jack Nicklaus Golf gives you a 3D view of the proceedings, and it's your golfer's last to clobber the ball in the direction of the green. When you'rs on the green, you'll no doubt notice a small hole Simply put the fille whet sphanneal term into this hole and Bob's your uncle, the hole's over.

This process is repeated seventeen more times, as there are a massive 18 holes crammed into this simulation, but each hole presents its own set of hezards to make the job that bit more difficult...



## **BEGINNER'S LUCK**

Their a an opposition are associated in this game, complete choice of themselves in this game, considering that helpoins rather is bit if you're not two considering that helpoins rather is bit if you're not a complete cock-up of either you amply press the expreptible button and you re gener another chance to get it right Later difficulty levels don't make things easem and you the bad out of bounds, the conside forces you for extast the shot after humilisting you with a one stroke penaltile Sets.

## COMMENT



There are a lot of good golf gemes appearing on other consoles but, most enysteriously (considering it is the world's number one gemes system) there aren't any on the liketendo, and this pretty poor effort doesn't improve the situation. The 3D course display (as well as being ugly end slow to 3 drawly is pointies because it gives

JULIAN very little idea of how far away the DULIAN bourse feeture exclusify are. This makes gauging the power and direction of the shot ridiculously difficult, and consequently the game is terribly frustrating. The four player option is laudable, but why would four people want to play auch a duri game? Give it a mise.

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## **GOLFING CLASSICS**



Each of the holes depicted in this NES game are in fect close digital raplicas of holes a specially chosen by Jack Nicksus Inneed But that's not all, because for each of these holes Mr Nicksus comes up with his own brief summer, Unifortunetly, Jacky boy's not about to give sway any of his prized golfing techniques, so these summaries usuably and up explaining why the stocksmesser likes the course so much.





Each hole offers its own golfing challenge to the player, including massive forests and large lakes. Other hazards aren't quite as large but prove to be just as much of a nuisance, and these includes the smaller ponds and the sandy bunkers. The shot is also made that much more difficult if the ball lands in

## COMMENT



Wa've been delugad with golf games on other consoles and the vaat majority of tham have been rather exceptional. The Nintendo finally gets a new golt gama and what happens? It turns out to be the worst game of its type sean tor a vary long timal The graphics are blocky and Incredibly

unconvincing, and after avery shot it takes about five ecconds for the course to tinish re-drawing itself -

arrobbh! To add insult to injury, the actual play area la also a bit on the amail aide. The sound is aimilarly dira too, though thara's aoma sampled sound that (very) occasionally makes an

appearance. Lastability Isn't too hot sither, with only the Greatest 18 to conquer and I don't think that'll take too long. It I were you, I'd eave the cash for a more deserving NES title. Hopafully, it won't be too long bafore Nintendo ass fit to release a euparior varsion of this compalling type of game.

Z- KONAMI

GAME DIFFICULTY: HARD LIVES: N/A GONTINUES: N/A SKILL LEVELS: TWO







Planty of mug shots of Mr Nicklaus himself and a few fair options to keep you going

Unreallatic sprites and grotesque, blocky backdrops

Some samples to liven up the atmosphere but most of the effacts are pretty avarage Thera's no music et all.

The poor graphics make accurate stions difficult and the slow acreen update is also annoving

Only the Greatest 18 holes to master, and those won't keep you occupied for long

A very tedious golf sim, which only die-hard fans of the genre should take chance on.



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## **CHOOSE YOUR** CLUB

There are twelve clubs (three woods and eight irons) grammed into your golfer's caddy bag, and each of these is used to hit the ball, a certain distance. The woods a certain distance, the woods have a solid head and a long shaft so that they can hit the ball over longer distances. The irons have angled heads which loft the ball nors, so they are best used for

# REVIEW

The screen is split in half, with each mini- z = 0 showing one brother's progress through the eight-way scrolling building. The aim is simply to pick up all of the flashing terms and make good your escape.

Easy, one No is one



Looks like Mopo's len waiting.







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PAUSE



## BONANZA BADDIES

There are plenty of different security guilds found in each level, all intent on making the brothers meet with a hideous doorn. Most simply raise the alarm, or attempt to blast (or cudget) our heroes into en early grave Watch out for the shield-bearing guerds (as seen in another Sega coin-op, Crackdown) Their shields deflect all your bullets, so your best bet's to sneak up behind them and blast them while their shield is pointing in the apposite direction!

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## BONANZA BLATTING

Introoph Robe and Mobe only earry a a shooter exque gun around with them, the rounds provide a wealth of attack opportunities the guard is following behind a door, the brothers can group of the hallows guard straight.



## REVIEW P

gains) the wall Later levels contain power crue are hould a guard walk under a the heavy squesting inplement, one pull of the appoial lever crushes to the a special kimbo-azzed pizzal





## SPLIT-SCREEN SKILLS

Bonance drop a meent to be played by we players simultaneously the screen looks more than a feld base when only one brother's listing part) and this is supposed to increase the stategy element. For example one brother could be shooting the guards. from one side of the room which the other scoops by all the body. However chances are that the brothers off lake completely separate routes, cooping up all be inequare and thus completing the level quicker find deviate lakes more behalf some for the deviate of the find deviate lakes.





Bonsnas Bros was a great game in the raceds, meinty because the player only had to atomp up 200 to a game which was packed with greel humour, excellent graphics and decant playability. The Magadrive version is vary close to the coin-op, with only some of the later tavals and bonus stages missing. However, the gamestayer.

RICH while and one say level, you can asset the whole game it you use all of the credits. Even on the harder setting, Bonnas Bros doesn't represent a serious challenge to a hardened games player due to the weath of credits. Indid much fun with the two-player mode - there's no real sense of alther team work or competition to add to the gameplay. If you're a real Bonnaza Bros nut (tile, Julian), you tilk this, but if you only tind the game marginaty intripuling, agend a couple of quid on the coin-op instead.



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## **MEGADRIVE**





## CASING THE JOINT

Them are cen levels of Banenze bilagging crow barried into this cartridgs. The variuse for all those actory fingered antice renge from a top-secret leb to the likes of a high security mint. a fleathy yaicht and a designer jeweity shop!





## COMMENT



Bonanze Bros' unusual, beautifully coloured graphics, great sound effecte and superb playability have baen fully ceptured in this etunning conversion! it's incredible fun to play, with utterly frentic action (especially when you're frying to do something like dodge around three policemen who ere converging on you from

all englas) and many hilarious JULIAN touches. Wetch what happens when e fly lands on your heed, you slep on a can or reka, fell off a wail or get aplattered behind a door! My only gripe (i've elraady said this about another Megadriva title this month!) is that there ers too many continues, and I hay let you finish the geme very quickly (espacially if you're also pleying it on "eesy" level). Play sansibly on tha "normai" lavel with one credit at a time and you ve got a thoroughly enjoyable and very unusual Megadrive conversion which tans of the coin-op will edore.

## HAVE A NICE TRIP

Keep a look out for rakes and discarded Coke cans dotted around the floor! Walk over these and the lads either top over or are momentarily strong of Whetever happens, precousting at less are







RELEASE DATE: IMPORT GAME DIFFICULTY: EASY

CONTINUES: 3 SKILL LEVELS: 3 RESPONSIVENESS: FAST



Excellent in this department, with loads of options and attract screams

Great comic sprites and a wide variety of backdrops

90% Spot-on tunes and groovy affacts - the Robodog is skill!

Easy to get into end instently eddictive...

but be warned: the game s for too easy to complete if you use all the credits. Play

sanaibly and use them wisely

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The object of this first Sega release from Domark is to expine the 12 dunpens of the palace and search both for the hero's sword and the Sullan's daughter. He runs, jumps, edges forward and lowers himself off procipiese. Potions along the way either help or hinder the hero, and the fat guards blocking the way get tougher and lougher as the levels progress.

ougher and tougher as the layer in Joycess
Prince of Persia was a huge hit on the computer
formats and looks sat to do the same on the Sega.
This movement and gamepley are shipping up nicely,
and MEAN MACHINES will supply a full review as
soon as possels. What your appetite with these
fantastic screen shots.



Siemming portcullises threaten to slice our men.

## MOVING EXPERIENCES

The most impressive thing about Price of Persia is the movement of the man sprite. The enimation is truly stuming, with the hero running, leaping and edging the way forward in amazingly realistic fashion. It's hard to show this with a static screenshot, but until the game is available in the shops you'll have to take our word for! Even when the falls, the hero plummets and dies in a highpatingly accurate fashion!



▲ If doesn't look like he's made the jump!













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## WHAT A DOLL!

Hot from the USA comes news of e new Nintendo and Game Boy game which "Our Boys in The Office" (particularly Richard) are most keen to get hold of, in Barbie(TM) - The Video Game, the famed dolly is cast in e Cinderella type role. She is dreaming of attending the Royal Fentasy Ball but has nothing to weer, so it's up to the player to find the magical fashion accessories she needs to make her the balle of

the ball (hey! sounds like the

perfect game for trendy Rich). \*Discover powerful charms Make new friends. And model some of the cooleat fashions ever. , Barbie is counting on you!" says the press-spiel. Rich says she can count on him env time. Whet a sick boy he is



## MEAN MACHINES RIPS OFF WRESTLE-MANIACS

SHOCKER!! Got a call the other day from a punter who had been told by another annother income in another annother annother annother annother annother annother wheels Wer from them because it wasn't available at the time. "But how come MEAM MACHINES and Computer and Video Games have reviewed it ther?" asked out it reviewed it ther?" asked out it reply. "They reviewed the according to the province of the provinced that according to the province of the province of the according to the province of the provinc





Oh-hot is that right? Well, before anyone clas deres to Impugn our credibility further, may just point out that the sreade game past point out the saddle gaint didn't have a penel down the side of the sorien with the wrestlers' power bars in it, nor does it print the word "PAUSE" on the screen! games" nonsense or I'll get upsat and Oz will start to cry.



## SONIC CLAMPDOWN Infer o fair old bit of (not unjustified) hype, demand for larger's Some the Hedgelnog is reaching fewer pitch mong Bitters Magnetive fairs. Wed reaches her from a nonymous importer that Stage of America are a lo-crified best start plantia enterprises. And forgong them off over the action of the start of the start of the start of the action. They've warned wholesafers not to send built alves. They've warned wholesafers not to send built.



## JULIAN RIGNALL IS MISSING!

Actually that's a bit of a fib. Old Jules departed these shores about helfway through this issue to check out the scene at the American Consumir Electronics Show in Chicago, leaving Paul Glancey to finish things off And as I write this he has yet to return, seeing as how he made e detour to Florida on his wey home Anyway, about halfway through the show he managed to rake up enough dimes to phone home, and brought us this brief report which I thought you might be interested in

JAZ: I've just seen Super R-Type on the Super Famicom and it's the second-best thing I've ever seen. PAUL: Oh yeeh? And what's the best thing you've

JAZ: Super Ghouls 'n' Ghosts on the Famicom!

PAUL: Yow! What else is there? JAZ: Smash TV on the Super Famicom is great, and

the follow-up to John Madden Football on the Megadove is emazing . It's an ice hockey game with fights breaking out all over the place! Oh, and Tengan have got some stuff which you'll love . Paperboy, and a Roadblasters conversion which is arcade parfect!

Well, after that it sort of degenerated into questions about the weather and the hotel and presents he was supposed to bring back, so for more information you'll just have to read Jazze's show report in the next issue of MEAN MACHINES! See va then!

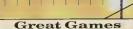
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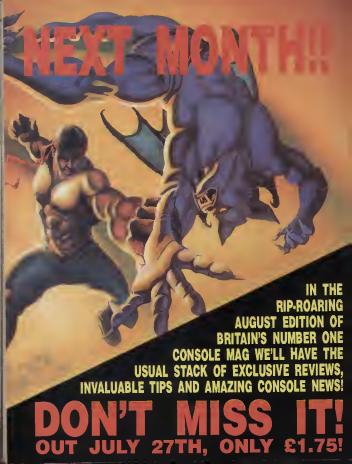
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